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### SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2,—Forecast
for Saturday and Sunday:
Virginia—Rain Saturday and possibly
Sunday; high north winds.
North Carolina—Rain in east; fair in
west portion Saturday and
brisk to high northwest winds.

Yesterday was one of the most dis-agreeable days in months. The wind, laden with dust, howled and roared, mak-ing pedestrianism difficult, not to say dangerous. Rain is looked for to-day and probably to-morrow, with high north winds.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Departure from normal temperature. Precipitation during past 24 hours ...

### RICHMOND.

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Frank H. Fitzgerald, of Manchester, against whom eight indictments are standing, returns and gives himself up—Wife of R. E. Firth bring suit for divorce and makes sensational charges against him—Storm does considerable damage here—Brauer-Todd-Hechler case comes before new Henrico committee today: Todd declares he will not withdraw; cards from Todd, Brauer and Ruffin—Statement from J. C. Parker on State committees action in Albemarle case—Trading stamps barred out by the majority of merchants—Stranger who died here identified—Pistol of Strike-Breaker Farley to be sold—Receivers named for the Bay Shore Line—Opinion of the Attorney-General on registration—Funeral of Mrs. Chiswell D. Langhorne—Adjournment of Masonic Relief Association—Fine horses coming in for the show mext week—Republican committee adjourns without taking action—Mr. Joseph W. Laube very ill—Municipal investigation is postponed. MANCHESTER—Registrars given more than Constitution requires—Police asked to look out for robber from Emporia—Manchester swept by the wind—Work of the courts—Quarterly meeting of Methodist Sunday-school at West-End Church to-morrow—Big Masonic Bazzar to open

VIRGINIA.

Fierce gale on coast does damage at Norioik and Newport News, wrecking many small craft and delaying sailing of passenger steamers—Several schooners reported ashore, but no loss of life so far as heard from—Wire down to Hatteras, and no news can be had from that graveyard of the sea—Passengers on steamer Norioik, from Washington, have frightful experience, and much of the freight was damaged by rough voyage, everything hre able being smashed—Negro hanged at Danville confesses to six murders, but declares his innocence of the crime for which he paid penalty with his life—Young man in Dinwiddle ends his life by taking Paris Green—Petersburg Grays are mustered into the State millita by Colonel Jo Lane Stern sixty-one strong—Widow of three days in Norfolk takes her second hushing wife did not love him—Buffalo at rives at Old Foint as vanguard of the training-ship squadron—Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia is to meet Thursday, and may take up the question of the election of a President for the institution—Battleship Olympia suistained more serious injuries than was at first thought, and it will be necessary for her to remain in dry-dock for some under construction collapses and lies a mass of wreckage forty feet below—Man who was shot by negro near Lynchburg of his injuries, and the negro is in jail—Masons visit battleileds around Peters-burg.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

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Argument in Haywood trial begins, the late asking for a verdict of the murder the second degree, and the defense deavoring to prove that the shooting as justinable and done in self-defense—Hundred thousand dollar hotel is proteid for Winston-Salem—Blacksmith eigning 250 pounds killed in fight with ro showmen, one of whom he mortally ounds—Young man from Raleigh found and in his room at a boarding house in reensboro—Proprietor of salon and other man engage in fist fight on reets of Salisbury—Cards out announce the approaching wedding of Missille Webb and Mr. Charles Wellman—av. Dr. Shearer contributes \$2,500 to esbytery.

### GENERAL

Stock market, oversold by shorts, makes substantial recovery when they rush to cover short contracts, and last prices were about the best and price level higher than the close of day before—Fierce gale sweeps the entire Atlantic Coast from Virginia to New York; latter city is deluged by tremendous downpour of rain which floods streets and stops trolley lines and elevated roads—Patterson, N. J., suffers from a disastrous flood, and at least one person is drowned—Rallway traffic is tied up and great damage done tracks; many small vessels wrecked and wires are down in all directions—Caspian won the Transylvania stakes at Lexington before a crowd of six thousand persons, who braved a biting wind to see the race—James Tillman occupies stand four hours in his own defense, and is subjected to a rigid cross-examination by counsel for the prosecution; defense rest its case, and rebuttal witnesses for State trace heard—Russia has made no move towards the evacuation of Manchurla, although the time limit has expired—Michael Davit returns from a trip through Hussia, and writes graphically of conditions he found there—Three favorites win in the mud at Morris Park—James II. Keener's Lanceshire wins the Imperial plate at Kompton Park autumn meeting the Bradstreet's review reports trade conditions still irregular, with busine of fair volume, but less active than at this time a year ago.

### TWO GUNBOATS SEEK FOR DEFAULTERS

(By Associated Press.)

MANIIA. Oct. 9.—At the request of Governor Taft, Admiral Sirling has dispatched two gunbonts, the Isle de Cuba and the Pampanga, to Albay and Samar, to search the neighboring waters for the little steamer. Victoria, with Johnston and Herman the defaulting constabulary officers, on board. A coast-guard vessel has also been sent to overtake the fugitives if possible. No word of their whereabouts has yet been received from any source.

## R. E. FIRTH SUED BY HIS WIFE

A Divorce is Asked for by the Plaintiff.

SOME SENSATIONAL CHARGES ARE MADE

Defendant Said to Be Infatuated With Another.

DAUGHTER OF LATE DR. I. P. VOSS NAMED

Woman-Court Grants Injunction Preventing Him from Disposing of His Property-A Deed of Trust Making Conditional Provision.

Court of Richmond, by Mary Ann Firth. against her husband, Robert E. Firth. and yesterday Judge Grinnan entered an order, granting an injunction, enjoining any of his property, pending the trial of the suit.

her attorneys. Messrs. Smith, Moncure and Gordon, is based upon allegations of abandonment, crueity and essertion, and the document fairly bristles with charges that are highly sensational in their na-

maiden name was Mary Ann Grieve, and that she was married to Robert E. Firth dant a true and loving wife, and tha dant a true and loving wife, and that notwithstanding this, he has in recent years become an habitual drunkard, and that when under the influence of liquor he was cruel and abusive to the plantiff.

DESERTION CHARGED.

The bill sets out further that during the latter part of July, 1903, First left his wife and children at their home, No. 1521 West Cary, since which time he has contributed nothing to their support; that

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n this city, and that to the best be-ief of the plaintiff, the defendant is

in this city, and that to the best belief of the plaintiff, the defendant is
about to squander all his property upon
the said Jonnie Voss, with whom he is
alleged to have left the city.

CRUELTY ALLEGED.

It is still further alleged that the plaintiff met the defendant on Marshall Street
some time since, in company with Jonnie
Yoss, and without speaking threw the
plaintiff violently into the roadway, causing her great physical pain. In the bill
it is set out that Firth owns considerable
real estate in Richmond city and Henrico county, and that he has accounts at
several of the banks here. The injunction
granted by Judge Grinnan restrains these
banks from paying out any money on the
check of Firth, and the latter from making any move looking to the disposing of
any of his property pending the trial of
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There is another feature of the proceeding which is full of interest.

CONDITIONAL PROVISION.

Several days ago, before the filing of the suit and request for the injunction by Mrs. Firth, the husband filed a deed in the same court, conveying certain real property in trust to Charles A. Rose, trustee, and stipulated that, owing to some family troubles, he had found it impossible to live with his wife, but that, wishing to provide for her and their children, he desired the proceeds to be expended in that direction. There is a qualification in this deed, however, which provides that in the event of any suit being brought against Firth by his wife, the trustee shall refrain thereupon from paying any part of such proceeds to Mrs. Firth.

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### MAD DOG AT LARGE MAY STOP SCHOOLS

Bit a Child, a Mule and Fourteen Other Dogs, and Then Left.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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KEENE'S LANCESHIRE

TAKES IMPERIAL PLATE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 9.—James R. Keene, Lanceshire, ridden by Lucien Lyne, the American lockey, won the Imparial Produce Plate of 3,000 sovereigns, two-year-olds, six furlongs at the Kempton Fark autumn meeting to-day.

The Warrior was second and Orienta.

II. came in third. Seven horses ran.

## A FIERCE GALE SWEEPS WHOLE ATLANTIC COAST



### JUST A FEW OF THE WIND'S ANTICS YESTERDAY.

### CONFESSED FOR TODD OR BRAUER SIX MURDERS

Is Up to the Henrico County Negro Hanged in Danville Howling March Day Jammed Committee To-Day.

TODD WILL STAY IN RACE LETTER TELLING OF CRIME

He Issues a Statement Saying He Never Admitted Jurisdiction of State Committee - Cards from Brauer and Ruffin.

Henrico courthouse, where at noon the new Democratic Committee of the county will meet to organize and to plan for the campaign incident to the November

are confidently expected by all when after the work of organization is complete, the new committee will plunge in medias Hechler-Brauer-Todd muddle. Efforts to settle the dispute and clarify the situproven fruitless, and it is now squarely tion of its predecessor and thereby go on record with the other as defying the will have to set aside the action of the

time it is impossible to predict results with any certainty It may be stated, however, that the Brauer element is nowever, that the brauer element is unusually strong, and that a tremendous fight will be made from this wing. Whether this fight will be of sufficient strength to upset the other side, which is also very strong, remains to be seen.

Todd Won't Retire. The movement yesterday to get Mr. Todd to withdraw and leave the field to Brauer was totally without the desired effect. On the contrary it served to bring out very strongly the fixed and unmovable determination of Mr. Todd to fight his fight to a finish.

One of the old committeemen who had modified his views on the subject and who now wanted Mr. Todd to withdraw was no less a person than Chairman Ruffin himself. A conference extending through three hours was held yesterday. Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Todd were present. Mr. Hechler was there also. The meeting was in the office of Criaherty and Fulton, counsel for Mr. Hechler. After about three hours consultation Mr. One of the old committeemen who had ter about three hours consultation Mr. Todd issued a formal statement, replying in detail to the editorials published in

Todd issued a formal statement, replying in detail to the editorials published in this paper urging submission to the decision of the State Committee. This statement is published in full herewith.

The result of the conference was the announcement by Mr. Todd that he has no idea of getting out of the race. He denies emphatically that he agreed before the State Committee to accept the decision of that body and says he and his counsel were present to protest against any interference by the State Committee and after it decided to go into the case they retired from participation in the matter and remained only as onlookers. According to Mr. Todd further, the people of the county are rallying to his support. The Hechier people, he says, are flocking to his standard and his telephone i constantly ringing, people from all over the county ursing him to stick to the fight and stand up for his rights. A delegation of the political friends and supporters of Mr. Hechier called on him (Todd) a few nights ago and assured him of their cordial support.

If Mr. Todd is elected it is believed that Mr. Hechier will be his deputy. The two will go into the fight together, and stump the county for Todd and against

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# WIND-BLOWN

Makes Clean Breast.

Would Make No Statement on Scaffold, but in Written Statement He Telis of Having Killed Six Men. Clears Mysteries.

DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 0 .- Will Jones, the twice convicted murderer of an old colored farmer named Jake Lee on the here this morning at 11:45 o'clock.

The trap was sprung promptly at 11:45, and in ten minutes Jones was pronounced dead. On the scaffold ha stated that his name was not Jones, but James Mealey, and that his home was in Charguilty of the murder of Lee, but would

When asked if there was anything he the murder of about six men, one of them a freight brakeman who was murdered at Clitton Forge about three years ago, an old man who was found dead in a lonely road near Charlotte, N. C., and an unknown man who was killed at Jackson's Branch, near this city, about eigh-

Jones was calm and collected to the last, and just before the cap was placed over his head he smiled and spoke very pleasantly to several bystanders.

Arthur Wilton was hung here in January for the same crime, and his brother.

Shack Wilton, upon whose evidence Ar-thur Wilton and Jones were convicted, was allowed to go free, as there was no evidence to convict him.

### A REDUCTION IN RATES ON IRON

Beginning To-Day it Will Be Lower by Fifty Cents Per Ton.

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Oct. 9.—Effective to-morrow, a reduction of fifty cents a ton in iron frieght rates will be made by the Southern Iron Committee, which includes the railroads handling the product of the southern furnaces and mills. For the past ten days every possible shipnent has been held back to take advantage of the cheaper freight rate, and it is now estimated that several hundred carloads of iron are ready to be moved

The shipment of pig iron from this section since October 1st, has not been of much consequence. The shipments which were absolutely necessary were made, but many thousand tons of iron have been held back to start out after midnight.

midnight.
The rates will be in effect to Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburg. All these points buy considerable iron in the Birmingham district, and the reduction of fifty cents per ton, which goes to the consumer practically will play an important part in the general condition of the iron markets.

# RICHMOND

in October Calendar.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE

Trees Tumbled Over, Signs Taken Down, Wires Set to Swinging, a Lady's Hat Robbed of Trimming-Other Incidents.

streets of Richmond yesterday, removing the sand therefrom to the eyes and ears small area. The thing had its somewhere up near the Great Lakes, and came tumbling down through West ing up everything with rain. A thousand throated wind followed close behond it.

The weather man, who works the bel lows in a high wind, said last night that the storm centered over Virginia on Thursday, and that yesterday it was hurling itself through the pines of the Old North State out over the ocean. He said that the wind was getting out of Richmond yesterday at the rate of

Fic.uresque Richmond.

lady had half of the trimming torn from her hat, and she will probably never lay eyes on it again. It was a was sailing away once more hardly any who did not have to go. een arrested on this count.

Jones was calm and collected to the lines who came in contact with them.

The streets were desolute and queer look-

The wind played all manner of tricks The wind played all manner of tricks during the day, some amusing, others expensive and annoying. One gentleman was going down Marshall. At Eighth a tree fell at his feet, scaring him so he found his senses and himself almost a square above when he stopped running. The breeze came along and dumped over the street show case in front of Constable Brothers' store at Ninth and Main. Full-dress ties, gray gloves and socks exchanged compliments as they hurrled down the street, each taking a different orbit for his girations.

Blew Dow Gespel Tent.

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The tent at Twenty-eighth and N Streets, in which Episcopal clergymen have been holding meetings during the week, was quite badly damaged, so badly rent and torn that the meeting that was to have been held last night had to be postponed. Modern St. Pauls were busy during much of the day afterwards in mending the tent. It will be ready for the service to be held to-morrow night.

A dozen newsboys were playing on the street. The wind stole the cap of one of them and carried it down the street at a wild pace. All took after it, and one youngster had all of his papers taken from him by the wind, and this same imp scattered them in all directions, giving the paper a really wide circulation.

The sign of the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company was torn from their building at Ninth and Main Streets last night and set up conspicuously in the street.

The telegraph wires were playing a tune all day. Early yesterday morning the two companies found themselves in an awkward situation, with scarcely a wire out of Richmond. The Postal said they did not have one even to Manchester, But by night both companies had "found nearly all the cities on the map, though the wires were still swinging at Twenty-third. were playing a tune of Richmond. The Fostal said they did not have one eyen to Mannchester, But by night both companies had "found" nearly all the cities on the map, though the winds were still swinging at a merry rate.

A tree came crashing at Twenty-third and Broad Streets last night. Many broken limbs were scattered about the Capitol Square, and one might reasonably expect also to lose a limb who attempted to pass through the park. The wind in the trees sounded like the swish of the sea upon the sanded shore. No one was hurt, so far as learned. At midnight he winds were still howing and the sky oud-encompassed.

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GRENSBORO, N. C., October 9.—Three terrific explosions of dynamite, one quickly succeeding another, hrought the whole whe he who to the shifting yards of the Southern Railway at 10 o'clock to-night. A jar in shifting the cars caused the explosion. Three cars were shattered as by an earthquake, five line five consumed, and seven others and their contents hadly damaged. The damage cannot be estimated at this hour. At 11 o'clock the fire was under contents hadly damaged. The damage cannot be estimated at this hour. At 11 o'clock the fire was under contents hadly damaged. The damage cannot be estimated at this hour. At 11 o'clock the fire was under contents hadly damaged. The damage cannot be estimated at this hour. At 11 o'clock the fire was under contents had your still have a served of the Southern Railway at 10 o'clock to-night. A jar in shifting yards of the Southern Railway at 10 o'clock to-night. A jar in shifting yards of the Southern Railway at 10 o'clock to-night. A jar in shif

From Virginia to New York Winds Rage.

**GREAT DAMAGE** ALONG SEABOARD

Wind Accompanied by Heavy Downpour of Rain.

MANY SMALL VESSELS WRECKED BY STORM

Flood Streets and to Tie Up the Trolley Lines and the Elevated Roads-Paterson Suffers Greatly-Unprecedented Tides in Bay.

night from the Delaware Breakwater to storm sweeping northward-a storm grow ing in flerce intensity every hour and threatening to engulf New York-already swept by terrific rains and destructive the fugitive clerk of the Manchester gales. At a late hour to-night there was indication that the coming coast storm would descend on New York with far more riotious fury than that of the | night, and, accompanied by his brother, lakes storm which deluged the city to-

Ealr vin the afternoon the gale which swept up the Virginia coast had reached a sustained welocity of sixty miles ar

Severe Rain.

It was accompanied by the severes rain. Two ships have been reported ashore on the Virginia coast, wracked by the fury of the hurricane. the Chesapeake Bay the flood tides

was foot duep ... surging into the city. from the Washington

Weather Bureau this evening said that hurricane signals had been ordered up from the Delaware Breakwater to yew York, and that so terrifle was the storn in its increasing fury that it was unsafe for vessels of any class to leave port. Paterson Suffers.

Paterson, N. J., stricken with disaste so recently by flood and fire, was threat-ened to-night with flood again-flood of greater perpertion than any previous in

when hight fell the waters of the Passale River had already reached the high water mark of the flood of a year ago last February, and were rising steadily at the rate of a foot an hour. One life had been lost, that of a young girl, and it was rumored that others had been drowned. The river fronts were deep in water and the people in the lowlands were fleeing to the hills.

Dams have gone down before the pressure of the swollen river and bridges were covered or carried away. The water system of the city was paralyzed and there was no approach or exit to the city by railroad.

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In New York city the storm did vast damage. Business houses closed. Elevated and surface traffic was interrupted; suburban traffic by steam and by electricity was at a standstill, compelling thousands to stay in the city, unable to

Aside from the discomfort attendant upon the storm and the check to business, there has been a vast amount of property

damage.
Worst still, it is likely that more is to follow. The rivers of New York and New Jersey have left their banks and the country side is submerged. All railroad lines have been seriously crippled by washouts and landslide.

Traffin Tied Up.

From early morning to late this evening only one road, the Ponnsylvania, was running suburban trains out of Jersey City, and its facilities were serfously crippled. The Erie, Susquehanna and Western Jersey Central, West Shore and other lines were so badly crippled that

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### CARS SHATTERED AS BY EARTHQUAKE

# **FUGITIVE** HIS HOME

F. H. Fitzgerald Gives Himself Up.

MANY INDICTMENTS HANG OVER HIM

He Was Clerk to the School Board of Manchester.

MONEY WAS GOTTEN ON FORGED WARRANTS

Was Also Employed by the Southern Railway, from Which He Was Alleged to Have Secured a Considerable Amount-Gives

Wanderings

Wan and haggard, and apparently worm in body and mind, Frank H. Fitzgerald, geant Alexander Wright, of the Manchester police force, about 9 o'clock last went to the police station, where he was made as comfortable as possible for the night.

sentative last night at the station house

"I have nothing to say," he said, I feel that it is due my family that I return and stand whatever punishment

Mr. Fitzgerald is only about thirty-six years old, but he looks at least ten years older. The awful strain under which he told upon him, and from the hueyancy the feebleness almost of old age,

There are eight indictments for forgery pending against him in the Corporation Court, all arising from discrepancies discovered in the accounts of the School Board. He was clerk of that body about five years, during which time he

chester. disappeared. He left his wife and four children. Then it was that his reprehen-

sible transactions were discovered. to have appropriated sums to his own use amounting approximately to \$5,000. This latter was secured through false

This latter was secured through false warrant on the treasurer. The names of the payeos were forged and the money secured from the Mechanics and Merchants, Bank of Manchester. The indictments were drawn at the May term of the Corporation Court in 1902, and a bench warrant was issued. warrant was issued.

It is not likely that the case will be called in the Police Court this morning. Fitzgerald will probably be committed to

jail, and it is not probable that he wil ask for ball.

Call Case Next Week.

The October term of the Corporation Court will begin next week, and the case of Fitzgerald will be called.

It is not considered likely that Cormonwealth's Attorney Page will appear in

the prosecution.

His relations with the Fitzgerald family, His relations with the Fitzgerald family, father and sons, have been very close for years. He was retained by Mr, A. H. Fitzgerald, brother of the prisoner, at the time of P. H. Fitzgerald's flight, and acted as his counsel and adviser until examination of the accounts of the rall-way company's office and the School Board rendered vain any hope of a settlement. It is thought very likely therefore that Mr. Pago will decline to prosecute the cases, and request the court to designate some other attorney in his stead.

The School Board embezzlement caused a great stir in municipal and banking circles. The city sought to recover the

circles. The city sought to recover the money from the bank, and suit was inmoney from the bank, and suit was instituted, on the grounds that the checks were forged. After some litigation a particular was effected by the recovery of about one-third the amount at stake. From the time of Fitzgerald's disapparance to yesterday no one, apparently knew where he was, and it was generally believed that he would never return. His family has received general sympathy. The few citizens who knew of the return last night, expressed something of regret that Fitzgerald had come back, for they did not wish to see him punished for the sake of his family.

### THE WORLD'S BOWLING RECORD IS BROKEN

(By Associated Press.)
KNOXVII,LE, TENN., October 9.— Harold F. Kribbins, a professional ball player, who was with the Indianapolis team early in the present season, broke team early in the present season, broke the world's bewling record on regulation alleys for ten-pins, making twenty-nine successive strikes and a spare on his thir-tieth ball. He continued to roll strikes un-til he had rolled fifty balls, his record being forty-nine strikes and a spare. The cest previous record claimed was twenty-seven successive strikes.